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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of former State Representative Monroe L. Flinn of Cahokia on Tuesday, November 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on December 17, 1917, in Batesville, Arkansas, to Monroe J. and Rue, nee Hanks, Flinn; as a young child, he was called "Big Boy" by his aunts, uncles, and his grandmother; this nickname eventually evolved into "Biggie" as he was called by his many, many close friends and relatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Flinn served as a legislator in the Illinois House of Representatives in Springfield from 1971 to 1995; during his tenure in the State House, he was noted for unconditionally helping his colleagues and constituents, many silently and without drawing attention to himself; he offered financial support, moral support, and political support to those who asked and several more who never even had to ask; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his career as a State Representative, he retired from Granite City Steel, where he worked for 41 years; he was active in many civic and charitable organizations over the years; he was life member of Emeth Lodge 1030 A.F. & A.M. Cahokia and a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of Southern Illinois; he was a charter member of the Centreville Men's Club, an honorary member of American Legion Post 784 Cahokia, a member of the Moose Lodge 423 in Cahokia and the Illinois Sheriffs Association, and a member of the Shriners Ainad Temple; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement, he was appointed by the Secretary of State to serve as chairman of the State of Illinois Merit Commission, which he served until his death; his most treasured possession was his family; he was extremely

1 proud of his wife, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews,  
2 sisters, and brothers; and

3 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his beloved father and  
4 mother, Monroe J. and Rue, nee Hanks, Flinn; his brothers,  
5 Robert and Dale Flinn; and his sister, Ellen (Flinn) Woodland;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of Monroe Flinn has been deeply felt  
8 by many, especially his wife of 65 years, Freda Flinn; his son,  
9 Don Flinn; his daughters, Carol (Flinn) and husband Sam  
10 Millatti and Debbie (Flinn) and husband Ron Wilshusen; his  
11 grandchildren, Lisa (Millatti) Inman, Mike Millatti, Sharon  
12 (Flinn) Erschen and dear friend Rob Simons, Kelly (Flinn) and  
13 husband Gary Simpson, Lori (Flinn) Gallion, presently  
14 stationed with the US Army in Wiesbauden, Germany, Bradley  
15 Lobsinger, and Megan, Rebecca, and Ronnie Wilshusen; his  
16 great-grandchildren, David and Amanda Inman, Anthony Millatti,  
17 Rachel and Sarah Erschen, Abby and Aaron Creek, and Jake  
18 Simpson; his great-great-grandson, Trenton Inman; his sisters,  
19 Anna McGinnis, Yvonne Bognar, and Evelyn Brogan; and his  
20 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
23 our friend and former colleague, State Representative Monroe  
24 Flinn, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
25 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
28 sympathy.